



## **Check/Credit Card Fraud Prevention**

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***In an Emergency Dial 9-1-1***

### **Credit Cards:**

1. Compare account numbers - The number on the card must be the same as number on the signature panel. The first four digits of the embossed number must be the same as the four digits printed number immediately below it.
2. Check the hologram to make certain it has not be tapered with
3. All cards must be signed to be valid
4. Always check signature on receipt with card signature
5. Report any suspicious cards and try to confiscate them

### **Checks:**

1. Do not take third party, post-dated or counter checks
2. Always check picture ID with every check - compare signatures
3. Take local checks for amount only
4. Check should be perforated from being torn out of a checkbook
5. Do not take a check with any erasure marks
6. Printer's name should be on bottom of check